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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this memo is to update providers, members, and other stakeholders on the implementation of Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) in Colorado.

Background:

Section 12006 of the 21st Century Cures Act mandates that State Medicaid agencies implement an EVV system for Personal Care and Home Health Services. An EVV system will electronically verify that home or community-based service visits occur by documenting the service location and time that service provision begins and ends. States that do not implement EVV by required deadlines will incur an escalating reduction of Federal funding.

Information:

An EVV delay bill, H.R. 6042, has been signed into law. The law delays the penalty of reduced Federal matching funds for EVV required services from January 1, 2019 until January 1, 2020.

What does this mean for EVV implementation in Colorado?

Over the past few months, the national conversation around EVV has shifted as stakeholders and states alike gain a greater understanding of the breadth of implementation required by the Cures Act. EVV remains a priority of the Department and we will continue to work diligently towards a successful system launch. That said,

Colorado understands the Federal delay and intends to utilize additional time for implementation. Accordingly, the Department will not mandate EVV on January 1, 2019.

When will the Department mandate EVV?

The Department is still scheduled to implement the Sandata Santrax solution January 1, 2019. Implementing the system as scheduled will allow additional time for EVV users to pilot the new solution before the mandate is effective January 1, 2020. The Department is working on a delayed EVV timeline and will inform stakeholders of details over the next four to six weeks. It is the Department's intention to use extra time to continue stakeholder engagement, extend the pilot program, and implement a soft roll-out. The Department currently hosts a monthly EVV stakeholder meeting and four sub-committees: System, Participant Direction, Privacy, and Training/Communications. These groups will continue to meet and work towards successful EVV implementation. The Department encourages stakeholders to participate in these meetings. Additional information around EVV implementation and the updated timeline will be communicated through this Memo Series, emails to our EVV distribution list, and stakeholder meetings.

Additional Information

H.R. 6042: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/6042?r=7>

Colorado EVV website: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/evv>

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